

**Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

August 16, 2021 – 2:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority was held on August 16, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., in the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority's Board Room. Water Authority Board members present were: James Scott, Dan Buyers, Charlie Crowder, James Balli, Grif Chalfant, Lisa Cupid, and Corkey Welch.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chair James Scott.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Beth Hamby offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021

Mr. Scott asked for approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2021. Mr. Buyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chalfant seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

3. Financial report

Ms. Rebecca Watkins, Senior Accountant, presented a summary of the July 31, 2021 Financial Statement (copy in file). Operating income for July was \$4,673,517, which exceeded expectations by \$866,805. Net income for July was \$4,839,175, which exceeded expectations by \$901,178.

4. Bid Results – Wyckoff Raw Water Pipeline Replacement Project

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Welch made a motion to award the Wyckoff Raw Water Pipeline Replacement Project to Garney Companies, Inc. of Alpharetta for the verified low bid of \$11,458,714.32. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 5/2/0, with Mr. Balli and Ms. Cupid opposed.

**5. Task Authorization – Maner Road 36-Inch Pipeline Replacement:
Phase II – Design and Construction Management Services**

Mr. Page referred to the memorandum in the board package (copy in file). Mr. Balli made a motion to approve a Task Authorization with Engineering Strategies, Inc. of Marietta for design, permitting, construction management, and construction inspection services for the Maner Road 36-Inch Pipeline Replacement Project for the proposed fee of \$488,778. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

6. Old Business

Mr. Buyers stated that he has a meeting scheduled for Friday, August 20, with Chairwoman Cupid to discuss the options for the powdered activated carbon (PAC) silo proposed at the Chattahoochee Raw Water Pump Station, and that he will report back at the September Board meeting.

7. General Manager's report

Mr. Page provided the following updates to the published General Manager's Report (copy in file):

- Paulding County began pumping water into its distribution system on Tuesday, August 10.
- On August 12, Judge Thomas Thrash with the U.S. District Court for Northern Georgia issued a Summary Judgment dismissing claims from the State of Alabama and several environmental groups that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's 2017 Water Control Manual for the ACF Basin did not allow enough water to flow from Georgia to the Apalachicola River and Bay, and thus did not balance the needs of the basin. Judge Thrash said that the Corp's development and use of the new Manual was "not arbitrary and capricious," and that "decades of deferral and delay due to litigation should end."

8. New business

Mr. Buyers announced that Mr. Page will be the Guest Speaker at the Marietta Kiwanis Club meeting on August 26 and invited the other board members to attend.

Mr. Crowder invited everyone to participate in the Field of Flags event at Kennesaw Mountain State Park.

9. Nominations of Officers

Mr. Chalfant, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the following officer nominations from the Committee: – James C. Scott, Jr. – Chair; Dan Buyers - Vice Chair; Charlie Crowder – Secretary; and Patricia Tibbitts – Assistant Secretary. Election of officers will occur at the September 20 Board Meeting.

10. Executive Session

Mr. Buyers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate and personnel. Mr. Crowder seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Balli made a motion to return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

11. Legal

Purchase and Sale Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, as Purchaser, and Janice R. Prather and Judy R. Thomas, as Seller

Mr. Welch made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority, as Purchaser, and Janice R. Prather and Judy R. Thomas, as Sellers, for the amount of \$111,000.00 for the purchase of 11.08 acres of land adjacent to the Sharp Mountain Creek property which is owned by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority in Cherokee County, Georgia (copy in file). This motion provides that the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority shall have the right to extend the closing date by 30 days, if necessary. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Amendment to Section 6.2 of the By-Laws of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority

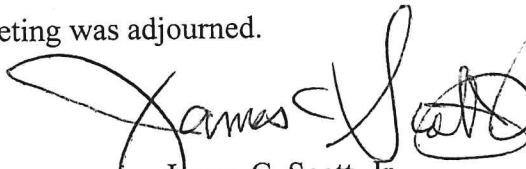
Mr. Balli made a motion to direct the Board Attorney to prepare an amendment to Section 6.2 of the By-Laws of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and present same to the Water Authority Board at the September 20, 2021 Board meeting. The amendment shall delete the last sentence of Section 6.2 related to term limits for the officers of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. This motion constitutes the 10 days notice required in order to amend the By-Laws of the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority. Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

Hunting Lease Agreement between Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Sharp Mountain Hunt Club

Mr. Balli made a motion to approve Hunting Lease Agreement between the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority and the Sharp Mountain Hunt Club (copy in file). Mr. Buyers seconded the motion; motion passed 7/0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Pat Tibbitts
Assistant Secretary


James C. Scott, Jr.
Chair